

Weekly Weather Crop Report

Week Ending: August 25, 1996

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According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending August 25, 1996. The main farming activities for the week were harvesting corn, corn silage, rice, sorghum, sorghum silage, soybeans, hay, sweetpotatoes, and watermelons. Pastures are being treated for armyworms, and insect pressure in cotton has been moderate this year. Producers are also preparing land for fall plantings. Soil moisture is 9 percent very short, 36 percent short, 53 percent adequate and 2 percent surplus.

Progress in Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	1995	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Dent	97	95	99	91	1	9	31	49	10
	Mature	74	55	80	68					
	Harvested	27	11	27	18					
	Silage Hvstd	77	72	69	69					
Cotton	Open Bolls	53	34	33	24	1	5	28	44	22
Rice	Heading	99	97	99	88	0	5	29	60	6
	Mature	48	35	46	29					
	Harvested	7	1	10	6					
Sorghum	Heading	100	99	100	97	1	11	29	49	10
	Turning Color	93	92	80	80					
	Mature	75	69	48	49					
	Harvested	34	28	13	12					
	Silage harvested	55	38	41	51					
Soybeans	Blooming	99	97	99	93	3	12	26	47	12
	Setting pods	95	93	87	74					
	Turning Color	36	20	24	14					
	Shedding leaves	24	11	6	3					
	Harvested	5	--	--	--					
Hay (Warm Season)	Harvested	85	80	89	68	4	11	34	43	8
Sweetpotatoes	Harvested	10	9	9	15	0	1	11	78	10
Watermelons	Harvested	97	89	94	96	0	6	29	60	5
Peanuts						0	1	10	67	22
Pecans						21	18	37	22	2
Cattle						1	6	31	50	12
Pasture						3	12	33	43	9

County Agent Comments

"Producers have almost completed harvesting an excellent silage crop. Cotton is opening ahead of normal and continues to look very good. Forage producers are preparing land for fall seeded crops. "

— Dalton G. Garner, Prentiss County

"Boll weevils continue to increase in Madison County cotton fields. With the high daily temperature, the 1996 cotton crop is maturing at a rapid rate. Row crop producers are busy this week getting harvesting equipment ready for the harvest season. "

— Otis L. Davis, Madison County

"Dry conditions throughout the county are allowing producers to catch up on silage and hay harvest. Rain is needed to get another hay cutting and to fill soybean pods. "

— Ed Williams, Oktibbeha County

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